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MS PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/043,302 filed on June 8, 1998,
the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

Thomas F. MEYER, Thomas RUDEL, Ina SCHEUERPFLUG, Eckhard FISCHER,
Jurgen MAIER, Sandra EICKERNJAGER, Thomas SCHWAN

for

NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING PROTEINS WHICH IMPORT THE
ADHESION OF NEISSERIA CELLS TO HUMAN CELLS

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).
2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY		
BASIC FEE		\$750.00		\$375.00		
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	9-20 =	0	x 18 =	\$0.00	x 9 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 84 =	\$0.00	x 42 =	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00		+ \$140.00	
		TOTAL	\$0.00		\$375.00	

3. A check in the amount of \$375.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/043,302, filed on June 8, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

b. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/043,302, filed on June 8, 1998, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/043,302 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP96/04092 filed on September 18, 1996 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. 19534579.7 filed in Germany on September 18, 1995 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. Enclosed is/are four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/043,302 on September 9, 1998. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

7b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.

8. The prior application is assigned to MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FORDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN e.V.

9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a. Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.

10b. Priority of International Appln. PCT/EP96/04092 filed on September 18, 1996 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and German Application No. 19534579.7 filed in Germany on September 18, 1995 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

12. Address all future communications to:

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13. An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/043,302 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

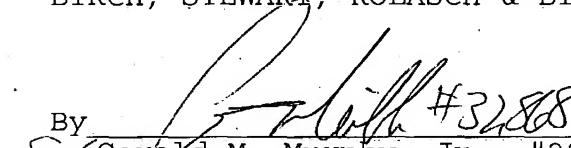
14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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